

AN APPOINTMENT IS CHALLENGED

Halifax, N. S., May 1—(By Canadian Press)— Mayor John Murphy and his re-organized aldermanic body are starting off the civic year with a rather cumbersome problem on their hands—the settlement of the strongly opposed appointment of Officer Peter Ryan to fill the official vacancy occurring through the recent death of Sergeant Louis Lovett. The majority of the police commission approved of the choice when Chief of Police Frank

Handrahs called upon to pick out the patrolman best qualified to wear the three gold stripes, elected his son-in-law, the officer who had been in the force for about four years. But the minority who opposed the promotion found sympathizers in the City Council including the Mayor and quite an argument developed. The reason was two-fold. There had been some talk that the chief of police was influenced in his selection by the fact that the officer chosen was his son-in-law, but the strongest argument was that the promotion was made over the heads of some twenty odd veterans of the service. The appointment, however, held because the law said the council had no power to revoke it. In the meantime, the Nova Scotia Legislature, at the instance of Mayor Murphy, amended a clause in

the City Charter empowering the City Council to veto appointments not made with the unanimous approval of the police commission, the legislation being made re-troactive to a date two days previous to Sergeant Ryan's. The

matter is expected to come up for discussion at the first meeting of the reconstituted council.

WILL KEEP OUT THE CHINESE

More Restrictions — There are Now 38,000 of These

People in British Columbia.

(By Canadian Press.)

Ottawa, May 1—A lengthy discussion on Chinese immigration featured the sitting of the House of Commons

yesterday afternoon and evening. The Government bill, which reveals previous legislation controlling Chinese immigration into Canada and provides for further restrictions, was before the House. The bill was given second reading without discussion, but examination of it clause by clause in the committee stage, resulted in strong criticism from opposition members representing British Columbia constituencies.

W. G. McQuarrie, Conservative member for New Westminster, stressed the inroads which Chinese merchants were making on the commercial life of the west coast. He wanted the clause which provides for the admission of Chinese merchants changed so as to admit only trade representatives and

moved in amendment to this effect. This suggestion, Premier King said, was prepared to accept, but suggested that if to the word "merchant" was added "those engaged in the import and export trade" it would be acceptable. The clause in question was allowed to stand over.

Hon. J. B. M. Baxter, Conservative, St. John, thought that the half-breed children of Chinese and white parents should be included in any regulation.

Hon. Mr. Stevens explained that merchants and students were practically the only Chinese who would be admitted in future. The old head tax of \$500 was to be abolished.

Hon. Mr. Stevens wanted a very clear definition of the term "merchant." Only two or three merchants a month came into Canada prior to 1920, but when the regulations were introduced in 1923, 100,000 merchants came to the country.

Premier King said, in dealing with the question of Oriental immigration, international relations had to be considered as well as the economic question of labor. The head tax had been abolished on Christian principles. So far as the term "merchant" went, immigration officers would check applications very carefully.

Hon. S. F. Tolmie urged that the number of merchants not be increased or four hundred a month.

people of Canada must wake up to gravity of the oriental invasion. 1921 no fewer than 1,145 Chinamen come to Canada as merchants. There were now 38,000 Chinese in British Columbia.

BEER LICENSES.

Ten beer licenses, one brewery one for the manufacture of cider have been issued from the local liquor inspector's office. It was said to that practically all the old beer licenses

have been cancelled and that they wishing to remain in business would have to see that a new license is taken out for the ensuing year.

REPUBLICAN ENVOYS ARE ARRESTED IN AUSTRALIA
Sydney, N. S. W., May 1.—(Pa. Michael O'Flanagan, John J.—F. O'Kelly and their colleague, Cl. envoys of the "Irish Republic," were arrested here yesterday, charged

engaging in seditious activities in order to incite disaffection against the Government of the Irish Free State.

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